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prescribing a form for the Hobli book to be maintained under Section 4(c) of the famine code and directing the Returns and Survey Commissioners to jointly examine the existing Village Accounts with a view to revise those forms if necessary and also to decide the form of a self complete Village Register of statistics

Previous references.
Agri 86-88.

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Serial Nos.

Later references.
Agri 1907-08-182

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 6613

Part B. for December 1906.

SUBJECT.

Prescribing a form for the Village Book to be maintained under Sec 11(c) of the Famine Code & directing the Revenue & Survey Commissioners to jointly examine the existing village accounts with a view to revise those forms if necessary & also to decide the form of a self-complete village Register of Statistics & to submit draft forms for approval of Govt etc.

1. To the 1st Asst Resident in myne. No 581921 dd 17-5-06. Request that a copy of the Famine analysis Register & a copy of the form of Village Book maintained by the Revenue Inspectors in the Madras Presidency may be obtained & sent.

2. From the 1st Asst Resident No 3629 dd 25/6/06. forwards the above

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[illegible] to the Asst. Comm. & Secretary Comm.
Sanitation No. A 1257-6 dt. 5.7.06 forwarding
Copies of the above & calling for proposal
to purchase the existing Village Pump
[illegible] Asst. Health Comm. No 1475-dj 9.8.06
Full marks for [illegible]

(iii) Asst. Secy. Comm. No 3704 7.9.06
Submitting proposal as called for

(iv) Dy. Secy. Comm. No A. 3303 dj 20.9.06
Calling for [illegible] samples

(v) From the Secy. Comm. No 69 dt. 21.9.06
Forwarding the samples

(vi) Dy. C. No 6267-77 dt. 21.12.06
Name called on the above

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Agri-)

NOTES.

File No. 131-05-2

FILE HEADING.

Proposal for improving the arrangements with regard to the provisions of chap: I of the Famine Code, 1906; Form of Hobli Book regd to be maintained as per Sec. 11(c) of the Code; and the introduction of a new Village Register of Statistics—

From

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Vide infra

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Routine Notes.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

Apr 13/05

Submitted

D. No. 11844.

Mr. Ramaswamy Iyengar, Senr Asst Commr on Special duty asked the Residency for a copy of the Forms of Famine Analysis Register & of Firka Book of Madras Presidency - in connection with the Famine Code.

Sl no. 6.

Now the Forms asked for have been received from the Residency.

Sl no. 7

May these forms be sent to ~~Compare~~ Mr Ramaswamy Iyengar

Copy 28/6.

28/6/06

Yes

28/6.

Sub: with draft of a letter to the Revl Commr & Dy Secy to Govt and the Famy Settlement Officer

Read 30-6-06

Issued 5-7-06

Sl no. 8

The Revl Commr's report has been received

N. B.—Should routine notes be written on small Slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

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Sl no. 9

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From

The Survey and Settlement Commr

Letter No. 37 dated the 7th September 1906

Submits proposals for the improvement of the provisions of Chapter I of the Mysore Famine Code.

The Survey Commr has not returned the copy of the Village Register of Statistics and the forms of Firka Register.

Subd. A draft put up calling for the same.

Cwd 15/9. Init 15/9/06

Sent 15/9. 20

The Survey and Settlement Commr in Mysore

11 Docket No. 3303 of 20.9.1906.

Requests the return of the samples of forms for the village Register of Statistics and for the Firka Register sent to him by the Rev. Commr.

From

The Same. Docket No. 49 of 21-9-06.

Returns the forms.

Both the Rev: Commr and the Survey Commr propose certain improvements in the existing arrangements with regard to the provisions in Chapter I of the Famine Code.

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The Survey Commr states that the provisions contained in Chapter I of the Jammu Code are ample in scope and provides for every possible contingency. He also suggests a form for the Hoteli Book under Sec 11(c) of the Jammu Code.

The Rev. Commr deals in detail such of the sections of Chapter I of the Jammu Code as imposes new duties on the official machinery.

Submitted for orders.

CWL
8/10/06.

Vide remarks in Appx in File No 86 of 1906

The amendments proposed may be adopted. But these sections may all be taken up together

Leg
15/10/06

The notes on file no 86 of 06 regd the above properly belong to this file & they are therefore stitched along with these notes in continuation.

Further the final orders passed ~~already~~ after the discussion of the subject in the notes to Appx file no 86 of 06, clearly belong to this file & not

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To

P. Hannyngton Esqr.

1 States that the suggestion made in Sl: No: 1 has been Communicated to the Rev: Comm^r for Consideration.

Under Secretary's note:-

I think there is a proposal to introduce similar Registers in Connection with sections 8 & 9 of the Famine Code. Please put up a specimen Copy of the forms and also the other file where the question is being dealt with.

(Initd) B.G.R.
8.10.06.

Under Section 9 of the Famine Code the Shanbhogue is required to keep a register of cultivation, rainfall and water supplies, noting therein the general condition and outturn of crops. Under section 9 the Sheristadar is required to maintain a register called the Hobli Book showing the leading facts and principal statistics indicating the Agricultural Conditions of each village in his circle. In Connection with this it has already been proposed to introduce a register

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similar to that suggested by the Resident a Hobli Register or Jirka Book. This will practically be a summary of all important information contained in the Village Register of Statistics. In the Madras Presidency they seem to have one continuous Register — Village Register of Statistics — containing all information on a variety of subjects for which we have prescribed separate forms. By the introduction of the Register of village Statistics, we may have to revise our village Accounts. The Rev and Survey Comm^rs have already given their opinion in favour of the Jirka Book. It seems to be unnecessary to adopt the Madras Register of Village Statistics, as in that our System of Village Accounts provides information on all these points. A Register corresponding to the Jirka Book may be prescribed. If it is considered necessary to introduce the Register of Village Statistics also both the Survey and Rev: Comm^rs may be Consulted to state which

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modifications the adoption of such a register would require in our village accounts as it is essential that the Shanbogues should not be burdened with the maintenance of a number of unnecessary registers.

(Initd) P. G. D
13.10.06.

The file may be forwarded unofficially to them along with Agt Lr No 1317 of 1905 which also involves this question partly. The opinions given by the Rev & Len Commrs in that file though agreeing with each other in the main have been independent and before amending & supplementing the Famine Code it may be useful to allow them to see these opinions

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15/10/06

U.O. No. R 500 of 06.

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15/10/06

Forwarded to the Rev Commr for favour of opinion
26th Oct 1906 [illegible]
for Secretary

Please see typed note annexed.
3/11/06.

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The questions referred to me for opinion are

(i) whether it is desirable to have a village statistical Register - similar to the Madras village Statistical Register - for the purpose of illustrating the economic condition of the people;

(ii) whether the form of Hobli book suggested by Col. Grant may be adopted.

2. The Madras Village Statistical Register contains ten sections as follows, each containing 20 to 30 columns.

I Particulars of Ayacut (one enclosure)

II Sources of Irrigation (3 sub divisions)

III Government lands - Holdings and cultivation.

IV Details of coercive processes

V Changes in occupation.

VI Agricultural stock and important Industries.

VII Rent Roll

VIII Statement showing crops cultivated.

IX Birth and Death Register.

X Mortality of Cattle.

...e information to be furnished in the columns of these sections has to be obtained from the village and Taluk accounts as kept in Madras.

3. In Bombay, a similar register called the "circle Book"

is maintained. This is much simpler than the Madras Register and consists of seven sections (with about 5 to 10 columns each) as follows:

I Revenue History

II Coercive processes.

III Changes in occupation

IV Cultivation

V Stock and resources

VI Carts and wells

VII Character of season.

This register is kept mainly for furnishing information required for revision settlements.

4. Neither the Bombay nor the Madras Register gives information about the movements of people (emigration and Immigration) during the year or about the indebtedness of ryots.

5. Having given my best consideration to the subject, I am of opinion that though a Village Register modelled on the lines of the Madras and Bombay Registers ~~xxxxx xx xxxxxxxxx~~ and giving information about the indebtedness of ryots and emigration and immigration would be desirable, the Register to be ~~xxxxxxxx~~ prescribed should be simplified considerably so as to be capable of being prepared by the existing class of Shanbhogs and as far as possible from the existing village accounts modified

modified to suit requirements. The Madras ~~form~~ Register is far too elaborate and sections VII and VIII (Rent Roll and crops cultivated) seem to be unnecessary and the number of columns in the other sections are also susceptible of reduction. If this view commends itself to Government, the village accounts may be revised and a suitable form of the Statistical Register also prepared.

6. As regards the second point on which my opinion is called for, I may note that I have, in my official letter No. 1475 dated 9th August 1906, stated the alterations to be made in the Madras form of Firka Book before it can be adopted here. Colonel Grant has proposed a large number of alterations and I have but one objection to the form proposed by him being adopted: His proposal to omit column 13 (area transferred by Court decrees) does not commend itself to me, as the information will give some idea, however imperfect, of the indebtedness of the Ryots.

Revenue Commissioner

Bangalore,

3rd November 1906.

Submitted

5/11/06.

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27.11.06

Forwarded to the Law Commn for favour of opinion
Pettigrew
For Secretary

9.11.06.

U.O No 47 dy 9.11.06

There appear to be two questions (1) as to having a Village Statistical Register similar to that in use in Madras and (2) the suitability of the Hobli Book form as suggested by me
On the first point I think that our Village forms sufficiently indicate the economic conditions of the people. Judging from the Assistant Resident's letter No 3367 dated 29th Sept 1906, to the Dewan it looks the Hon'ble the Resident had been led to believe that a perfectly new want was to be supplied by adopting the Madras Village Statistical Register or something similar to it. This seems to me quite a mistaken idea. Our forms of village accounts are on the main on Bombay lines and I do not think that the Madras Village Statistical Register is either necessary or adaptable; the matter contained

Hag 7 Apr 8.4.06.

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in it must of course be taken from the Village accounts and it strikes me there must be a good deal of superfluous work and a severe tax on the Shanbogues. As the Revenue Commissioner observes a village Register has to be prescribed and of simple and easy character. Practically I imagine that the Shanbogues, as it is, have to prepare the information required; it is well that some methodical system should be laid down for their guidance but unnecessary repetition should be dispensed with as much as possible. If certain statistics are absolutely necessary and the village accounts do not afford that information they must be supplied the existing forms being interfered with as little as possible.

The Kyoli Book as suggested by me can have the additional columns suggested by the Revenue Commissioner added to it

9.11.06. J. D. Sweet
S.C.

Submitted. The form of the Field a

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Hobli book proposed by the S & Settl' Commr with the additions suggested by the Rev Commr a scheme for area transferred by Court decree may be adopted - that will furnish the necessary information to justify economic condition for purposes of famine administration

with regard to the introduction of a village Register the Survey Commr & the Rev Commr are not quite in agreement. The Survey Commr is not certain that an additional Register is necessary. But if one is to be introduced it should be simply a transcript of the existing forms which may be revised so as to furnish any additional information which may be required. The Rev Commr thinks that such a Register would be useful but that the Madras Register is quite unsuitable. The Rev & Settl' Commr may be requested to examine the existing village accounts together & submit definite proposals regarding their revision.

As for the arrangements which the Rev Commr proposes to make for carrying out the

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provisions of the Famine Code specially he is competent to issue the circulars referred to by him as far as ss 10, 11 (d), 12 (c) of the Famine Code are concerned. S. 15 (a) may be amended as proposed: the returns mentioned in S. 15 (c) will henceforth be compiled by the Rev Commr & he will have to make the necessary arrangements for the purpose. He may also be requested to submit draft forms of the new Registers he proposes for cultivation, harvests, rainfall and water supply. If any suggestions as to the village accounts being jointly examined by the Land Rev Commr is approved, the forms for these registers also may be decided by them

16/11/06

Please see my marginal remarks and submit a draft order. The forms of Registers may be approved & appended to the order.

16/11/06

Draft order submitted 17/11/06

17/11/06

P. Ag. 17.11.06.

17/11/06

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Draft approved by the Revenue.

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13. To the Rev Commr.

The Survey & Settlement Commr.

The Dy Commrs of DDs &

The Supt. Gosthers —

G.O. no. R 6267-77 & 21-12-06.

Prescribes the form of Hobli book reqd to be maintained under S. 11(c) of the Famine Code. & directs the Revd Survey & Settlement Commrs to jointly examine the existing village accounts & decide the form of a new self complete village register of statistics and to submit draft forms of the new registers for cultivation, harvest, rainfall, water supply &c as reqd by SS. 9 & 12 of the Famine Code.

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Serial No. 6

Diary No. of letter replied to

Pol No. 921

General and Revenue Secretariat
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To
The First Assistant to the
Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore
Bangalore

Date of issue 17.5.06

Signed by B.B.Z. Venkatavaradayyar

Sir,

I have the honor to request ~~that~~ you ~~will~~ be so good as to obtain for the information of the Durbar, a copy of the form of Famine Analysis Register maintained by village officers, and a copy of the form of Firka Book maintained by the Revenue Inspectors, in the Madras Presidency.

I have &c.

16.5.1906
Secretary

Encls.
Nil

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16/5/06

over.

SUBJECT.

List of enclosures.

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FROM

R. C. H. MOSS KING, ESQ., I. C. S.,
FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

Agri 7 13/0005-6
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To

The Dewan of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 25-2 June 1906.

25/6/06
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SIR,

With reference to Mr. B.K. Venkatavaradaiengar's letter No. Pol. 921 dated the 17th May 1906, I am directed to forward herewith, a copy of the Village Register of Statistics maintained by village officers and a copy of the form of Firka Books maintained by Revenue Inspectors in the Madras Presidency, received from the Government of Madras.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

First Assistant Resident.

JK

Rev.]

TABLES OF THE AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS OF THE

DISTRICT

FOR THE YEAR 190 —

MGCPB—150 books of 6 sheets each—31-10-03.

TABLES A-1 & A-2. Total Area and Classification of Area of each Taluk

Taluks							
A-1.—Total Area.							
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
1 Area according to professional survey ...							
2 Deduct—Area for which no returns exist ..							
3 Net area by professional survey ..							
A-2—Classification of Area in column 3 of A-1.							
1 Forests							
2 Not available for cultivation							
3 Culturable waste other than fallow... ...							
4 Current fallows							
5 Net area cropped during the year							
Total							
6 Irrigated during the year from—							
(a) Government channels							
(b) Private channels							
(c) Tanks							
(d) Wells							
(e) Other sources							
Total ...							
7 Crops irrigated—							
(a) Wheat ...							
(b) Other cereals and pulses							
(c) Miscellaneous food crops							
(d) Miscellaneous non-food crops ...							
Total ...							

in the District in the Revenue year ending 30th June 190

						Total for District	Taluks
							A-1.
Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	
							1 Area according to professional survey ...
							2 Deduct—Area for which no returns exist ..
							3 Net area by professional survey ..
							A-2.
							1 Forests ... ...
							2 Not available for cultivation ... ...
							3 Culturable waste other than fallow... ...
							4 Current fallows .. ...
							5 Net area cropped during the year .. ...
							Total
							6 Irrigated during the year from—
							(a) Government channels ... ...
							(b) Private channels ... ...
							(c) Tanks ... ...
							(d) Wells .. ...
							(e) Other sources ... ...
							Total
							7 Crops irrigated—
							(a) Wheat ... ..
							(b) Other cereals and pulses .. ...
							(c) Miscellaneous food crops ... ...
							(d) Miscellaneous non-food crops ...
							Total

TABLE A-3 Total Area under Crops in each Taluk

ENGLISH OR VERNACULAR NAMES	Taluks						
Cereals and Pulses—							
1 Rice							
2 Wheat (godhi)							
3 Barley (jave godhi)							
4 Cholum or jawar (millet)							
5 Cumbu or bajra (millet)							
6 Ragi or mairua							
7 Maize							
8 Gram (pulse)							
9 Other food grains including pulses							
Total							
Oil-seeds—							
10 Linseed							
11 Till or jinjili							
12 Others							
Total							
13 Condiments and spices							
Sugar—							
14 Sugar-cane							
15 Others							
Total							
Fibres—							
16 Cotton							
17 Jute							
18 Others							
Total							
Dyes—							
19 Indigo							
20 Others							
Total							
Drugs and Narcotics—							
21 Opium							
22 Coffee							
23 Tea							
24 Tobacco							
25 Cinchona							
26 Indian hemp							
27 Others							
Total							
28 Fodder crops							
29 Orchards and garden produce							
30 Miscellaneous crops { Food							
30 Miscellaneous crops { Non-food							
31 GRAND TOTAL							
32 Area cropped more than once							
33 (31-32) Net area cropped during the year.							

in the District in the Revenue year ending 30th June 190

Total for District	Taluks
	BOTANICAL NAMES
	Cereals and Pulses—
	1 Oryza sativa
	2 Triticum sativum
	3 Hordeum valgare
	4 Sorghum vulgare
	5 Pennisetum typhoideum
	6 Eleusine coracan
	7 Zea mays
	8 Cicer arietinum
	9 Other food grains including pulses
	Total
	Oil-seeds—
	10 Linum usitatissimum
	11 Sesamum indicum
	12 Others
	Total
	13 Condiments and spices
	Sugar—
	14 Saccharum officinarum
	15 Others
	Total
	Fibres—
	16 Gossypium, *sp.*
	17 Corchorus *sp.*
	18 Others
	Total
	Dyes—
	19 Indigofera tinctoria
	20 Others
	Total
	Drugs and Narcotics—
	21 Papaver somniferum
	22 Coffea arabica
	23 Camellia theifera
	24 Nicotiana tabacum and N. rustica
	25 Cinchona *sp.*
	26 Cannabis sativa
	27 Others
	Total
	28 Fodder crops
	29 Orchards and garden produce
	30 { Food / Non-food } Miscellaneous crops
	31 GRAND TOTAL
	32 Area cropped more than once
	33 (31-32) Net area cropped during the year.

TABLE A-1—Live Stock, Ploughs and Carts in each Taluk in the District in the Revenue year ending 30th June 190

Taluks												Total for District	Taluks
1 Bulls and bullocks ...													1 Bulls and bullocks
2 Cows ...													2 Cows
3 Male buffaloes ...													3 Male buffaloes
4 Cow buffaloes ...													4 Cow buffaloes
5 Young stock (calves and buffalo calves).													5 Young stock (calves and buffalo calves)
6 Sheep ...													6 Sheep
7 Goats ...													7 Goats
8 Horses and ponies ...													8 Horses and ponies
9 Mules and donkeys ...													9 Mules and donkeys
10 Camels ...													10 Camels
11 Ploughs ...													11 Ploughs
12 Carts ...													12 Carts

TABLE B-1.—Statement showing the annual average Wholesale Prices of certain articles for 190 —0 at Taluk Head-quarters in the District

NOTE.—The prices herein given for articles are prices per 10 maunds of 82⅔ lbs each

Taluks	Grains and Pulse																
	Rice unhusked	Rice best sort	Rice common	Wheat	Barley	Cholam or Javar	Kambu or Bajra	Ragi	Maize	Bengal gram	Horse gram	Arhar	Arhar Dal	Kangani	Ghee	Wheat flour	Sea salt
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.
Average ...																	

TABLE B-1. - Wholesale Prices of certain articles etc—contd.

Taluks	Oil seeds	Sugar	Fibres	Drugs and Narcotics	Fodder			Garden produce					Hides (cattle)	Plough Bullocks (pair)	Sheep (score)	Remarks
	Gingelly	Goor or Jaggory	Cotton cleaned	Tobacco leaf	Grass	Straw	Jawar stalks	Turmeric	Coffee	Cardamom	Supari	Dry cocoanut				
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	
	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	
Average ...																

TABLE B-2—Statement showing the annual average **Retail Prices of certain articles for 190 —19** at Taluk Head-quarters in the **District**

	Grains and Pulses															
	Rice, unhusked		Rice, best sort		Rice, common		Wheat		Barley		Cholam or Javar		Kambu or Bajra		Ragi	
1	2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9	
Taluks	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer
	S. c.	A. p.	S. c.	A. p.	S. c.	A. p.	S. c.	A. p.	S. c.	A. p.	S. c.	A. p.	S. c.	A. p.	S. c.	A. p.
Average ...																

TABLE B-2—Retail Prices of certain articles etc.—concld.

Taluks	Grains and Pulses—contd.										Ghee		Wheat flour	
	Maize		Bengal gram		Horse gram		Arhar		Arhar Dal		Kangani			
	10		11		12		13		14		15		16	17
	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer
	S. c.	A. p.	S c.	A. p.	S. c.	A. p.	S.	A. p.	S. c.	A. p.	S. c.	A. p.	S. c.	A. p.	S. c.	A. p.
Average																

Talaks	Sea salt		Oil seeds		Sugar		Fibres		Drugs and Narcoties		Fodder					
			Gingelly		Good or Jaggory		Cotton cleaned		Tobacco leaf		Grass		Straw		Javar Stalks	
	18		19		20		21		22		23		24		25	
	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer
	S. c.	A. p.	S. c.	A. p.	S. c.	A. p.	S. c.	A. p.	S. c.	A. p.	S. c.	A. p.	S. c.	A. p.	S. c.	A. p.
Average ...																

TABLE B-2—Retail Prices of certain articles, etc. concld.

Talukas	Garden produce												Hides (cattle)		Plough bullocks (pair)	Sheep (score)
	Turmeric		Coffee		Cardamom		Supari		Dry cocoanut							
	26		27		28		29		30				31		32	33
	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer	Quantity per rupee	Price per seer			Quantity per rupee	Price per seer		
	S. c.	A. p.	S. c.	A. p.	S. c.	A. p.	S. c.	A. p.	S. c.	A. p.			S. c.	A. p.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.

TABLE C. Incidence of the Land Revenue on area and population in each Taluk

Nature of tenure		Total area by survey, less fenda-tories [Table A-1 (1) minus Table A-1 (2a)]	Deduct		Balance, that is fully assessed area for which returns are available		Total land revenue (excluding cases) of Taluk (column 2)	Population of Taluk (column 2)
Taluk	Nature of tenure		Area not fully assessed	Area for which returns, so far as required for this table, are not available	Total	Cultivated		
1		2	3 (*a*)	3 (*b*)	4 (*a*)	4 (*b*)	5	6
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Rs	
Total of Tenures of each nature								
GRAND TOTAL ...								

in the District in the Revenue year ending 30th June 190

Land revenue per head of population (columns 5 and 6)	Land revenue assessed on fully assessed area—column 4 (a)	Incidence per acre of land revenue (column 8) on fully assessed area (column 4)		Population of fully assessed area	Land revenue assessment per head of population of fully assessed area (columns 8 and 11)	Towns of over 10,000 inhabitants	
		For total area	For cultivated area			Number of towns	Aggregate population
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Rs. a. p.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		Rs. a p.		

TABLE D. Varieties of Tenure held direct from Government

Nature of Tenure	1
1 Revenue-payers paying more than Rs. 50,000 revenue—	
(a) Individuals under law of primogeniture	
(b) Individuals and families under ordinary law	
(c) Village communities	
2 Revenue-payers paying from Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 5,000 revenue—	
(a) Individuals under law of primogeniture	
(b) Individuals and families under ordinary law	
(c) Village communities	
3 Revenue-payers paying from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 100 revenue—	
(a) Individuals under law of primogeniture	
(b) Individuals and families under ordinary law	
(c) Village communities	
4 Revenue-payers paying less than Rs. 100 revenue—	
(a) Individuals under law of primogeniture	
(b) Individuals and families under ordinary law	
(c) Village communities	
5 Peasant proprietors paying separately	
6 Holders of wholly or partially revenue free tenures	
In perpetuity — (a) Conditionally for current service	
In perpetuity — (b) Absolutely	
For life or lives	
7 Land-owners who have redeemed the revenue	
8 Purchasers of waste lands	
9 Others	
Total	

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n the District in the Revenue year ending 30th June 190

Number of estates	Number of Villages	Number of holders or share-holders	Gross area	Gross assessment	Average area of each estate	Average assessment of each estate	Remarks
2	3	4	5	5½	6	7	8

TABLE E.

Transfers of property in land in each Taluk in the District

in the Revenue year ending 30th June 190

Taluk and nature of tenure	Number of transfers		Total area transferred	
	By order of Court	By private contract or gift	By order of Court	By private contract or gift
1	2	3	4	5
		Acres	Acres	
1 Fully revenue paying ...				
2 Wholly or partially revenue free ..				
Total of Tenures of each nature ...				
GRAND TOTAL ...				

Appendix to the Returns of the Agricultural Statistics

Explanatory Memorandum of differences in excess of 10 per cent

Table	Column and heading	Taluk	Figures of		Difference	
			Previous year	Year of report	Plus +	Minus —
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

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of the District for the year 190

in the figures of 190 compared with those of 190

Explanation of difference	
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Appendix to the Returns of the Agricultural Statistics

Statement of changes made during the year ending

Total	External transfers					
	Taluk from which transferred	Area transferred and Land Revenue thereof			Taluk to which transferred	No. and date of notification of transfer
		Area		Land Revenue		
		Cultivated	Total			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

of the District for the year 190

30th June 190 in the Taluk Boundaries

External transfers

Taluk from which transferred	Area transferred and Land Revenue thereof			Taluk to which transferred	Area transferred and Land Revenue thereof			No. and date of notification of transfers in columns 8 and 15
	Area		Land Revenue		Area		Land Revenue	
	Cultivated	Total			Cultivated	Total		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

To
(1) The Revenue Commissioner & Director of Statistics
(2) The Survey & Settlement Commr

Agri 7.131-05-8

NO R. 125-6 09
5.7.06.

Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to the provisions in Chapter I of the Famine Code relating to the system of collecting information in normal times concerning the economic & agricultural condition of villages, and to ask you to favor Govt with your proposals for the improvement of the existing arrangements if they are considered insufficient for the purpose. The Hobli book referred to in

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Section 11 (i) as a register to be maintained by the Shekdar-dar to be newly prescribed

& can be forwarded, for reference and obliging return ~~two~~ Samples of the forms used in the Madras Pendency for the village register of Watan which is otherwise known as the Jamma Analysi register, and for the Fasli Register

I have &c.

Secretary
to Govt

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Rev. Commr. Form 12.

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From

A. RANGASWAMI IYENGAR Esq. B. A., B. L.
Revenue Commissioner
in Mysore.

To

The Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
General & Revenue Departments.

Dated 9th

Despatched 11 August 1906.

Received

No. 1475 Agri 131-05-9

Enclosure No. —

Making proposals for improving the existing arrangements with regard to the provisions in Chapter I of the Famine Code.

V. B. S. & Sons, Bangalore 2000—,11—6—06.

No. OFFICE OF THE REV. COMR. IN MYSORE,

Bangalore.....9th August 1906.....*190*

FROM

A. RANGASWAMI IYENGAR ESQ., B. A., B L.
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

To

The Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
General & Revenue Departments.

SIR,

I have the honor to reply to your letter No.R.125-6/ Agri.131-05-8 dated 5th July 1906 inviting my attention to the provisions in Chapter I of the Famine Code and asking me to favor Government with my proposals for improving the existing arrangements if they are considered insufficient for the purpose.

2. Such of the Sections in Chapter I of the Famine Code as impose new duties on the official machinery will be dealt with seriatim.

(i) Section 9(a) At present the Shanbhog does not keep any Registers of cultivation, harvests, rainfall and water-supplies in addition to the Pahani Account. Registers have therefore to be newly prescribed, one on the lines of the Madras Village Account Form No.20 as regards and rainfall and water-supplies for irrigation and a second on the lines of Madras village Account Form No.1 (monthly) as regards cultivation.

(ii) Section 11(c) The Hobli Book herein referred to has to be newly prescribed. Its form may be on the lines of the Madras Firka Book, the headings being slightly changed to suit the local revenue system and nomenclature. The alterations requi

1) For Poramboke substitute "unassessed and assigned for special purposes".
2) For Fasli read "year"
3) Insert additional heading "garden" after 'dry' and 'wet'.
4) For remission (seasonal) read Remission (breach of source of irrigation &c).

-ed are noted in the margin.

(iii) Section 10. A circular may be issued drawing the attention of the village officers and Sheikdars to this and directing Amildars, Assistant Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners to explain the provisions of the section to village Officers during their tours and Jamaband

(iv) Section 11 (d) The provision requiring the Sheikdar to submit monthly returns is new and a circular may be issued drawing the attention of all Sheikdars and Amildars to it.

(v) Section 12(c) At present weekly returns of rainfall are submitted by Amildars to the Deputy Commis--sioners but not regularly to the Assistant Commissioners. This will have to be strictly enforced in future.

(vi) Section 12(e) Registers of cultivation are not now kept by Amildars; but after the monthly statements of cultivation are submitted by Shanbhogs as laid down in Sec--tion 9(a) the Amildar should be directed to maintain a Register the entries in which should be posted up from the monthly statements.

(vii) Section 15(a) To enable the Revenue Commission-er to supervise efficiently the system herein referred to, the following words, "a copy being forwarded to the Revenue Commissioner simultaneously," may be inserted in Section 14(c) in first line after the words "to submit direct to Government."

(viii) Section 15(c) According to this(A) monthly summary of rainfall (B) season reports and (C) fortnightly

return

return of retail prices of food grains, have to be published in the Gazette. (A) and (C) are done by the Secretariat now and (B) is not being done, as every week the season report is pub-lished in the Gazette. So it has to be decided whether a monthly season report in addition to the weekly is necessary. If the Clerk in the Secretariat now dealing with (A) and (C) be sent ~~here~~ this work can be done here.

3. The enclosures of your letter under reply have been forwarded to the Survey and Settlement Commissioner.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For Revenue Commissioner.

B.K.R.

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From

Col. J. P. GRANT,
Survey & Settlement Commissioner
in Mysore.

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To

Secretary to the Govt. of His Highness
The Maharaja of Mysore,
Gen. & Rev. Dept.

Agri. 131-05-10

Dated

Despatched 7th September 1906

Received

General No. 37

Enclosures one

Subject

Submitting proposals for the improvement of the provisions of Chapter I of the Famine Code

No. 37
Encl. 1

OFFICE OF THE SURVEY AND SETTLEMENT COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE,

Dated Bangalore, 7th September 1906.

FROM

COL. J. P. GRANT,
Survey and Settlement Commissioner in Mysore.

To

K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyer Esquire
B.A. B.L.
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
The Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Department.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. R 125-6 Agri: 131-05-8 dated 5th July 1906, asking me to submit proposals, if any, for the improvement of the provisions in Chapter I of the Famine Code.

2. The provisions in Chapter I are ample in scope, indeed my only fear is lest returns be called for from the Village Officers, especially the Patel, beyond their ability to prepare and maintain. The registers and monthly abstracts required

required under Section 8 (a) and (b) are however I believe already in force and the Deputy Commissioner will no doubt take care that the Village Officers are not taxed beyond their powers. The duties assigned to the various Officers are necessarily detailed at considerable length so as to provide for every possible contingency and on the whole I think the provisions in Chapter I will answer very well.

3. In suggesting a form for the Jobli book to be prescribed under Section 11(c) I beg to make a few remarks on the subject of Village Accounts the systematic maintenance of certain of which is I think superfluously enjoined in Section 7(a). It goes without saying that all the prescribed Village Accounts must be strictly maintained. Being periodical returns

returns however the Village Accounts will only record the history of their year; they will not in themselves indicate approaching danger although they will of course form the basis of statistical information, as for instance the preliminary report required under Section 36. The first note of famine is sounded by urgent reports from village, Hobli and Taluk and on these and up to date reports generally the preliminary measures and enquiry laid down in the Code proceed.

4. In the above view the appended form of Hobli book under Section 11(c) is suggested. It is very much on the Madras pattern but adapted to the Mysore system of Accounts. The fly-leaf or heading will show at a glance the normal heading

Statistics

Statistics of the Village, the body of the form contains a few columns calculated to show the state of actual cultivation and changes from the normal but the column of remarks is where an intelligent Sheikdar will be able to convey a clear account of the condition of the village. it will in short be a species of diary up to date. The Hobli Book must not be regarded as any linking up of village and Taluk Accounts but as an abstract entirely in connection with the Famine Code.

5. I have furnished the Chief Engineer with 100 copies of each District map as required by Section 16 (d.)

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed. servant

J. Hunt
Survey & Settlement
Comm[r] in Mysore

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File No. 13/05
Serial No. 11

Diary No. of letter replied to _____

No. R 3304.

General and Revenue Secretariat
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To The Survey & Settlement Commr.
in Seypore.

Date of issue 20-9-06.

Signed by for P. G. D'Souza

With reference to his letter No. 37 dated the 7th September 1906, submitting proposals for the improvement of the provisions of Chapter I of the Seypore Famine Code, I have the honor to state that the Samples of the forms used in the Madras Presidency for the village Register of Statistics and for the Jamma Register sent to him by the Revenue Commr have not been returned and therefore

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SUBJECT.

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to request that the same
may be forwarded Book at an early
Date.

By Order

for Secretary.

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List of enclosures.

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MYSORE REVENUE SURVEY

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From Col J. P. Grant
Survey Commissioner
in Mysore

To The Secretary to Govt.
of Mysore General &
Revenue Depts

Dated 21st September 06

Despatched 22nd

Received

General No. 49.
No.

Enclosure No. 2

His Docket No. R3303
Agri 131-05-1
dated 20th Instant.

Has the honor to return herewith the Sample of the forms used in the Madras Presidency for the village Register of Statistics and for Firka Register

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File No. 131-05

Serial No. 13

Diary No. of letter replied to ———

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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Date of issue 21/12/1906

Signed by Mg D'Souza

READ.—

This office letter No. R. 125-6 & 5-7. 06 to the Revenue and Survey & settlement commissioners in Mysore, inviting their attention to the provisions of chapter I of the Famine Code, relating to the system of collecting information in normal time concerning the economic & agricultural condition of villages and requesting them to submit proposals for the improvement of the existing.

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SUBJECT

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arrangements and as to the form of the Hobli Book required to be maintained under Section 11(c) of the Famine Code.

(In extenso)

2. Letter no. 1475 of 9-8-86 from the Rev. Commr in Mysore Submitting his proposals in the matter.

(In extenso)

3. Letter no. 37 of 7.9.86 from the Survey & Settlement Commr in Mysore submitting his opinion in the matter.

(In extenso)

Order thereon - No. R. 6269-77

Dy. 21--12--190

The Revenue Commissioner considers that the form suggested by the Survey Commr for the Hobli Book to be maintained under

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(*Continuation Sheet draft form.*)

Section 11(c) of the Famine Code is suitable and may be introduced with an additional column to shew the area transfered by Court decrees.

Govt are pleased to approve of the same with the addition proposed by the Revenue Commr. It will be in the form appended to this order. The Revenue Commr should arrange with the Supt, Govt Press to ~~get~~ obtain a sufficient number of copies of the ~~same~~ form printed at an early date & issue instructions for the maintenance of the register from the beginning of the next calendar year.

2. In the Madras Presidency, besides this Register another Register called the Village Statistical Register is maintained. This is a very complex register of 10 sections, containing information on a variety

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of matters from which the economic condition of the village may be judged, such as, the revenue history of the village, coercive processes adopted, changes in occupation, irrigational resources, agricultural stock & industries, crops cultivated, Births & deaths and mortality of cattle. In the village accounts now maintained in the State, information is required to be systematically collected on all these subjects, and Govt consider that it would be useful if such a register, which would be a ~~Kaidsey~~ Key to the other accounts could also be introduced. Both the Revenue & Survey Commrs who were consulted as to the introduction of such a register, are agreed as to the unsuitability of the ~~Legal~~ forms forms prescribed in the Madras Presidency ~~laws~~, as it will be beyond the capacity

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(*Continuation Sheet draft form.*)

of the ordinary shanbogues to maintain a register in the form with which they are familiar and greatly add to their labour. Both of them consider that a simpler Register would equally serve the purpose and involve less interference with the existing system of village accounts.

The Survey Commr also proposes that in connection with the introduction of such a register the existing village account forms may be examined and simplified if necessary, and some methodical system laid down for the guidance of village officers calculated to improve the present modes of collecting information. The Revenue & Survey commrs. should jointly examine the existing village accounts and see in what directions they require amplifications or modifications and also

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decide the form of a Village Register which should be a kind of compendium of all the different accounts now required to be maintained for each village.

3. With regard to the other proposals made by the Rev. Commr for due enforcement of the provisions of the Famine Code relating to the collection of information as a standing preparation against famine, Govt observe that the Rev. Commr is competent to issue the circulars & directions which he proposes should be issued under sections 10, 11 (d) & 12 (e), and he is requested to take the necessary action in the matter.

4. The compilation of the weekly season reports & the fortnightly return of retail prices of food grains has been transferred to the Revenue Commr, and the Deputy Commrs will therefore

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(*Continuation Sheet draft form.*)

send him the necessary information. The issue of ~~an additional~~ a monthly summary of the rainfall and season reports will be useful and should be undertaken specially as it is prescribed by the Famine Code.

5. While examining the existing village account forms, the Rev. & Survey Commrs may also prepare & submit draft forms of the new registers for cultivation harvests, rainfall, water-supply &c as required by sections 9 and 12 of the Famine Code.

8/12/1876

Secretary

24/12/76

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To
The Rev Commr in Mysore
The Survey & Sett. Commr.
The D.Z Commrs of Districts
The Supt, Govt Press

Hobli Book

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Hobli .....

---------- Taluk ---------- Village

One sheet to be used for each village: and the whole bound in book form for the Hobli

	Current year	1871	1881	1891	1901
Population ----					

Acres.

Gross area ———

Uncultivable ———

Government occupied { Dry. / Wet. / Garden.

Inam { Dry / Wet / Garden

Assessed waste { Dry / Wet / Garden

Total. -

Instructions for preparation of Hobli book.

(Fly leaf)

Population. — { Source of information Village Form No: 12 and Census returns. —

Area under all heads ---- Village Form No: 9.

Cols:— 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 ----- Village Form No: 7.

Col: 2 & 3 ---------- { Abstract of Village Form No: 3.

Cols: 11, 12 & 13 ---------- Village Form No: 12.

Cols: 14 & 15 & 16 ---------- Taluk Records & entries if any in col: 19 of Kitchuri Village Form No:

In the column of Remarks should be entered the Sheikdar's responsible report up to date of stock of grain in village, fodder, rainfall, prices, wages, epidemics amongst men and cattle, migrations and all points bearing on the condition of the people. —

H Hunt
Survey & Settlement
Comm[r] in Mysore

Secretary

Year	Occupied land			Separate water rate	Jodi from Inamdar	Hallbani	Mohtarfa
	Actually cultivated	Fallow	Assessment				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Arrears of land revenue & Miscellaneous	Remissions	Cattle	Tanks	Wells	Arrears for which property was sold. Real	Personal	Area transferred by Court decrees	Remarks.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17

1906-07

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS
THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

REVENUE (AGRICULTURE)

PROCEEDINGS

Dated 21st December 1906

No. R. 6267-77
Agri. 131-05-13

Prescribes a form for the Hobli Book to be maintained under Section 11(*c*) of the Famine Code, and directs the Revenue and Survey and Settlement Commissioners to jointly examine the existing village accounts and decide the form of a self-complete village register of statistics and also to prepare and submit draft forms of the new registers for cultivation, harvests, rainfall, water-supply, etc., as required by Sections 9 and 12 of the Famine Code.

GPB—23-1-06—400

READ—

(1) This office letter No. R. 125-6, dated the 5th July 1906, to the Revenue and Survey and Settlement Commissioners in Mysore, inviting their attention to the provisions of Chapter I of the Famine Code, relating to the system of collecting information in normal times concerning the economic and agricultural condition of villages, and requesting them to submit proposals for the improvement of the existing arrangements and as to the form of the Hobli Book required to be maintained under Section 11 (*c*) of the Famine Code:—

"I am directed to invite your attention to the provisions in Chapter I of the Famine Code relating to the system of collecting information in normal times concerning the economic and agricultural condition of villages, and to ask you to favor Government with your proposals for the improvement of the existing arrangements if they are considered insufficient for the purpose. The Hobli Book referred to in Section 11(*c*) as a register to be maintained by the Shekdar, has to be newly prescribed.

I am to forward, for reference and obliging return, samples of the forms used in the Madras Presidency for the Village Register of Statistics, which is otherwise known as the Famine Analysis Register, and for the Firka Register."

(2) Letter No. 1475, dated the 9th August 1906, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, submitting his proposals in the matter:—

"I have the honor to reply to your letter No. 125-6—Agri. 131-05-8, dated the 5th July 1906, inviting my attention to the provisions in Chapter I of the Famine Code and asking me to favor Government with my proposals for improving the existing arrangements if they are considered insufficient for the purpose.

2. Such of the sections in Chapter I of the Famine Code as impose new duties on the official machinery will be dealt with seriatim:—

(i) *Section 9(a)*. At present the Shanbhog does not keep any registers of cultivation, harvests, rainfall and water-supplies in addition to the Pahani Account. Registers have therefore to be newly prescribed, one on the lines of the Madras Village Account Form No. 20 as regards rainfall and water-supplies for irrigation and a second on the lines of Madras Village Account Form No. 1 monthly as regards cultivation.

(ii) *Section 11(c)*. The Hobli Book herein referred to has to be newly prescribed. Its form may be on the lines of the Madras Firka Book, the headings being slightly changed to suit the local revenue system and nomenclature. The alterations required are noted in the margin.

(1) For Peramboke substitute 'unassessed and assigned for special purposes.'
(2) For Fasli read 'year.'
(3) Insert additional heading 'garden' after 'dry' and 'wet.'
(4) For 'remission (seasonal)' read 'remission (breach of source of irrigation, etc.).'

(iii) *Section 10*. A circular may be issued drawing the attention of the village officers and Shekdars to this and directing Amildars, Assistant Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners to explain the provisions of the section to village officers during their tours and Jamabandi.

(iv) *Section 11(d)*. The provision requiring the Shekdar to submit monthly returns, is new and a circular may be issued drawing the attention of all Shekdars and Amildars to it.

(v) *Section 12(c)*. At present weekly returns of rainfall are submitted by Amildars to the Deputy Commissioners but not regularly to the Assistant Commissioners. This will have to be strictly enforced in future.

(vi) *Section 12(e)*. Registers of cultivation are not now kept by Amildars; but after the monthly statements of cultivation are submitted by shanbhogs as laid down in Section 9 (*a*) the Amildar should be directed to maintain a register the entries in which should be posted up from the monthly statements.

(vii) *Section 15(a)*. To enable the Revenue Commissioner to supervise efficiently the system herein referred to, the following words, 'a copy being forwarded to the Revenue Commissioner simultaneously,' may be inserted in Section 14 (*c*) in first line after the words 'to submit direct to Government.'

(viii) *Section 15(c)*. According to this, (A) Monthly summary of rainfall (B) Season reports and (C) Fortnightly return of retail prices of food grains, have to be published in the Gazette. (A) and (C) are done by the Secretariat now and (B) is not being done, as every week the season report is published in the Gazette. So it has to be decided whether a monthly season report in addition to the weekly is necessary.

If the clerk in the Secretariat now dealing with (A) and (C) be sent, this work can be done here.

3. The enclosures of your letter under reply have been forwarded to the Survey and Settlement Commissioner."

(3) Letter No. 37, dated the 7th September 1906, from the Survey and Settlement Commissioner in Mysore, submitting his opinion in the matter:—

"I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. R. 125-6—Agri. 131-05-8, dated the 5th July 1906, asking me to submit proposals, if any, for the improvement of the provisions in Chapter I of the Famine Code.

2. The provisions in Chapter I are ample in scope; indeed, my only fear is lest returns be called for from the village officers, especially the Patel, beyond their ability to prepare and maintain. The registers and monthly abstracts required under Section 8(*a*) and (*b*) are, however, I believe, already in force and the Deputy Commissioner will no doubt take care that the village officers are not taxed beyond their powers. The duties assigned to the various officers are necessarily detailed at considerable length so as to provide for every possible contingency, and on the whole I think the provisions in Chapter I will answer very well.

3. In suggesting a form for the Hobli Book, to be prescribed under Section 11(*c*), I beg to make a few remarks on the subject of village accounts, the systematic maintenance of certain of which is I think superfluously enjoined in Section 9(*a*). It goes without saying that all the prescribed village accounts must be strictly maintained. Being periodical returns, however, the village accounts will only record the history of their year; they will not in themselves indicate approaching danger although they will of course form the basis of statistical information, as for instance, the preliminary report required under Section 36. The first note of famine is sounded by urgent reports from village, hobli and taluk, and on these and up-to-date reports generally the preliminary measures and enquiry laid down in the Code proceed.

4. In the above view the appended form of Hobli Book under Section 11(*c*) is suggested. It is very much on the Madras pattern but adapted to the Mysore system of accounts. The fly-leaf or heading will show at a glance the normal leading statistics of the village, the body of the form contains a few columns calculated to show the state of actual cultivation and changes from the normal, but the column of remarks is where an intelligent Shekdar will be able to convey a clear account of the condition of the village; it will in short be a species of diary up to date. The Hobli Book must not be regarded as any linking up of village and taluk accounts but as an abstract entirely in connection with the Famine Code.

5. I have furnished the Chief Engineer with 100 copies of each district map as required by Section 16(*d*)."

No. R. 6267-77—Agri. 131-05-13, dated Bangalore, 21st December 1906.

Order thereon.—The Revenue Commissioner considers that the form suggested by the Survey and Settlement Commissioner for the Hobli Book to be maintained under Section 11 (*c*) of the Famine Code, is suitable and may be introduced with an additional column to show the area transferred by court decrees.

Government are pleased to approve of the same with the addition proposed by the Revenue Commissioner. It will be in the form appended to this Order. The Revenue Commissioner should arrange with the Superintendent, Government Press, to obtain a sufficient number of copies of the form printed at an early date and issue instructions for the maintenance of the register from the beginning of the next calendar year.

2. In the Madras Presidency, besides this register, another register called the Village Statistical Register is maintained. This is a very complex register of 10 sections, containing information on a variety of matters from which the economic condition of the village may be judged, such as, the revenue history of the village, coercive processes adopted, changes in occupation, irrigational resources, agricultural stock and industries, crops cultivated, births and deaths and mortality of cattle. In the village accounts now maintained in the State, information is required to be systematically collected on all these subjects, and Government consider that it would be useful if such a register, which would be a key to the other accounts, could also be introduced. Both the Revenue and Survey and Settlement Commissioners, who were consulted as to the introduction of such a register, are agreed as to the unsuitability for local purposes of the form prescribed in the Madras Presidency, as it will be beyond the capacity of the ordinary Shanbhogs to maintain a register in that form properly, and will also greatly add to their labour. Both of them consider that a

simpler register would equally serve the purpose and involve less interference with the existing system of village accounts. The Survey and Settlement Commissioner also proposes that in connection with the introduction of such a register the existing village account forms may be examined and simplified if necessary, and some methodical system laid down for the guidance of village officers calculated to improve the present modes of collecting information. The Revenue and Survey and Settlement Commissioners should jointly examine the existing village accounts and see in what directions they require amplifications, or modifications, and also decide the form of a village register which should be a compendium of all the different accounts now required to be maintained for each village.

3. With regard to the other proposals made by the Revenue Commissioner for due enforcement of the provisions of the Famine Code relating to the collection of information as a standing preparation against famine, Government observe that the Revenue Commissioner is competent to issue the circulars and directions which, he proposes, should be issued under Sections 10, 11 (*d*), 12 (*c*) and 12 (*e*), and he is requested to take the necessary action in the matter.

4. The compilation of the weekly season reports and the fortnightly return of retail prices of food grains has been transferred to the Revenue Commissioner, and the Deputy Commissioners will therefore send him the necessary information. The issue of a monthly summary of the rainfall and season reports will be useful and should be undertaken, specially as it is one prescribed by the Famine Code.

5. While examining the existing village account forms, the Revenue and Survey and Settlement Commissioners may also prepare and submit draft forms of the new registers for cultivation, harvests, rainfall, water-supply, etc., as required by Sections 9 and 12 of the Famine Code.

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HOBLI BOOK.

Hobli..... .....Taluk.....

Village.....

(One sheet to be used for each village and the whole bound in book form for the hobli.)

		Current year	1871	1881	1891	1901.
Population	....					
Gross area	....	Acres		Assessment		
Unculturable	....					
Government occupied	(Dry Wet (Garden					
Inam	... (Dry Wet (Garden					
Assessed waste	... (Dry Wet (Garden					
	Total					

Year	Occupied land: Actually cultivated	Occupied land: Fallow	Occupied land: Assessment	Separate water rate	Jodi from Inamdars	Hulbanni	Mohatarfa	Notice fees and miscellaneous	Remissions	Cattle	Tanks	Wells	Arrears for which property was sold: Real	Arrears for which property was sold: Personal	Area transferred by Court Decrees	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17

Instructions for the preparation of the Hobli Book.

		Source of information.
(Fly leaf.)		
Population	...	... Village Form No. 12 and census returns.
Area under heads	...	... Village Form No. 9.
Columns 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10	...	... Do
Columns 2 and 3	...	... Abstract of Village Form No 3.
Columns 11, 12 and 13	...	... Village Form No. 12.
Columns 14, 15 and 16	...	... Taluk records and entries, if any, in col. 19 of Khetwar Village Form No. 1.

In the column of remarks should be entered the Shekdar's responsible report up to date of stock of grain in village, fodder, rainfall, prices, wages, epidemics among men and cattle, migrations and all points bearing on the condition of the people.